

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney John W. Fitzpatrick, Reg. No. 41,018, on November 24, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, lines 6-9: Delete the paragraph "The invention relates to a production method according to the introductory clause of claim 1, to an element according to the introductory clause of claim 4 and to an assembling method according to the introductory clause of claim 11."

Page 5, lines 11-13: Delete the paragraph "This object is achieved by the characteristics of claim 1 or claim 4 or 11. The dependent claims describe alternative or preferred embodiments."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cirim whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner works a flexible work schedule but can normally be reached on most days during the work week between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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